

Amendment No. 2 to HB1955

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Signature of Sponsor**

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2052*

House Bill No. 1955

by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION ____ Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 11, is amended by adding the following language as a new appropriately designated section:

68-11-1105.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part or of title 71, chapter 5, in order to provide greater resources for indigent health care in this state, medical assistance under title 71, chapter 5, and any federal waiver authorized by title 71, chapter 5, shall be extended to provide the full extent of the Medicaid eligibility expansion permitted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), as amended, for which the enhanced federal financial assistance matching rate is one hundred percent (100%). The expansion mandated by this section shall continue in effect only so long as the federal financial assistance matching rate for the expansion population remains at one hundred percent (100%). When the enhanced matching rate ceases to be one hundred percent (100%), then the eligibility criteria for medical assistance shall return to the criteria in place on January 1, 2014. To the extent permitted by federal law and any applicable federal waiver, the expansion of medical assistance pursuant to this section should seek to continue essential access payments to hospitals that provide necessary services to medically indigent citizens and otherwise provide financial resources to those hospitals.